(b) if so, what part of manufacturing of the LCA will be done by the French and what part will be Indian;

(c) whether the French will develop their LCA in Tandem with ours; and

(d) if so, whether Government's earlier idea of developing a eight tonne, single-engined LCA has been given up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) A contract has recently been signed with the French firm Avions Marcel Dassault—Brequet Aviation, only for giving consultancy during the Project Definition Phase of the LCA Project.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The French firm is currently engaged in the development of only a twin-engined combat aircraft, which does not come under the LCA class.

(d) No, Sir. The Government is pursuing development of the light-weight, single engined LCA.

Amount released to states for Drought Relief

398. SHRI JASWANT SINGH:

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has visited various States including Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Gujarat to study on spot severity of drought and if so, whether an assessment has been made as regard funds required to meet the situation for supplying food, work, drinking water and fodder for cattles and what is the quantum of demands made by Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and others during 1986-87 and 1987-88 and amount so released during this period; and

(b) whether Government is aware that the criteria for relief to meet the drought situation needs to be reviewed in view of continuinty of drought during the last 3/4 seasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. In connection with the drought situation, the Minister of State has visited only States of Maharashtra and Karnataka. The detailed assessment of the severity of drought is made by Central team of officers, comprising experts representing different Departments. The Central teams have visited all the 15 drought-affected States and made their recommendations which were considered by the High Level Committee on Relief (HLCR). Based on these recommendations, Government have issued sanctions which are enclosed as Statement-II (*See* below). Statement-I (See below) gives the position regarding assistance sanctioned in 1986-87.

(b) The present norms for relief assistance are operative with effect from 1.7.1986. Except in relation to their application to severely drought-affected areas, the Government does not propose to revise these norms or criteria for deciding the basis for relief in drought affected areas.

Statement – I

Ceiling of central assistance sanctioned to states for drought etc. during 1986-87

(*Rs. in Crores*)

S.No.	State/UT	1986-87 Assistance	
		Sought	Approved
1	Andhra Pradesh	676.53	63 24
2	Assam	81.93	7.40
3	Bihar	..	..
4	Gujarat	1075.31	156.87
5	Himachal Pradesh	70.56	0.70
6	Haryana	141.62	16.70
7	Karnataka	18.50*	53.82
8	Jammu & Kashmir	..	..
9	Kerala	281.64	3.65
10	Madhya Pradesh	154.49	22.70
11	Maharashtra	553.01	97.24
12	Manipur	1.98	0.76
13	Meghalaya	0.86	0.17
14	Orissa	..	..
15	Punjab	.	..
16	Rajasthan	916.45	142.52
17	Tamil Nadu	310 22	31.77
18	Tripura	.	0 86
19	Uttar Pradesh	474 82	10 88
20	Goa	..	..
21	Pondicherry	0 46	0 06
22	Mizoram	..	..
	TOTAL :	4762 88	609 34

* Included in 1985-86

Statement—II

State-wise details of Central Assistance sought and amount approved for drought relief for 1987-88

(*Rs. in Crores*)

Sl.No	State/U.T.	Pre-Monsoon (April-June)		Post-Monsoon (July-March)	
		Assistance Sought	Amount Approved	Assistance Sought	Amount Approved
1	Andhra Pradesh	240.75	25.19	546 50	68.89 0
2	Gujarat	Included in 1986-87	31.55	187.47	79.840 Up to Sept.
3	Haryana	..	..	489.37	37.275
4	Himachal Pradesh	..	..	274.64	18.705
5	Jammu and Kashmir	..	..	169.06	18.981
6	Karnataka	Included in 1986-87	0 99	256 68	46.638
7	Kerala	Included in 1986-87	15 50	604 45	32.082
8	Madhya Pradesh	75.99	17.68	579 34	63. 384
9	Maharashtra	453.02	31.01	294.39	37.679
10	Nagaland	..	..	22.20	3.876
11	Orissa	..	..	162.63	50 780
12	Punjab	..	..	505.05	29.391
13	Rajasthan	781.83	69.13	434 27	147.988 Up to Oct.
14	Tamil Nadu	348.45	34 74	52.71	28. 202 Up to Oct.
15	Uttar Pradesh	..	..	1314.11	155. 736
16	Goa Daman & Diu	10.70	0.64	..	.
17	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	..	..	0.66	*
18	Chandigarh	..	..	0.17	@
19	Delhi	..	..	10.98	0.36
20	Pondicherry	..	..	2.73	0.59
21	Dadra nd Nagar Haveli	..	..	..	..
	TOTAL :	1910 04	226.43	5907.41	820. 406

* Andaman nd Nicobar Island.

@ Sanction under issue.